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ANNUAL REPORTS

. . . OF THE . . .

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

TOWN TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, ROAD AGENTS,
SCHOOL BOARD, LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
AND AUDITORS.

FOR THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15th, 1897.

DERRY, N. H.:
CHARLES BARTLETT,
PRINTER,
1897.

TOWN WARRANT.

[*L. S.*] STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester qualified to vote in town affairs:

YOU are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE II. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for the maintenance of the poor; for the laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges; for paying the town debts and defraying interest thereon; and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

ARTICLE III. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the town will vote to build a new town hall.

ARTICLE V. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in addition to that required by law to purchase books for the Free Public Library.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of librarian and defray running expenses of the library.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a water supply in the village in addition to that left by Jonathan Pressey.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1897.

GEORGE D. RAND,
WALLACE L. KIMBALL,
EDWARD T. MORSE,
Selectmen of Chester.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

GEORGE D. RAND,
WALLACE L. KIMBALL,
EDWARD T. MORSE,
Selectmen of Chester.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896.

MODERATOR—Addison A. Bean.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN—George D. Rand, Wallace L. Kimball, Edward T. Morse.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Edward T. Morse.

TOWN TREASURER—George S. West.

ROAD AGENT—George S. West.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Arthur H. Wilcomb.

SCHOOL BOARD—James G. Robertson, Eleanor J. Locke, Sarah P. Webster.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER—James G. Robertson.

REPRESENTATIVE—Arthur H. Whitcomb.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—James G. Robertson, Addison A. Bean, Albert F. B. Edwards.

CONSTABLES—Edwin P. Jones, Arthur H. Wilcomb, Arthur Underhill.

SUPERVISORS—Alonzo A. West, George L. Converse, Albert F. B. Edwards.

AUDITORS—Cyrus F. Martin, Addison A. Bean, Martin Mills.

MODERATOR FOR 1897–98—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

VALUATION.

Improved and unimproved lands and buildings.

Resident	$255,852 00
Nonresident	44,650 00
Polls, 207	20,700 00
Horses, 239	12,995 00
Oxen, 16	706 00
Cows, 353	9,514 00
Other neat stock, 9	212 00
Sheep, 83	158 00
Hogs, 4	40 00
Carriages, 3	215 00
Bank stock	5,802 00
Money at interest	6,684 00
Stock in trade	6,000 00
Mills, machinery, etc.	3,883 00
	$367,411 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax	$935 00
County tax	985 86
Town tax	1 00
Highway tax	1,250 00
School tax required by law	935 00

Additional school money raised by tax .	300 00	
For Public Library building . .	200 00	
Books for Public Library . . .	100 00	
Memorial	50 00	
School house repairs . .	50 00	
Overlay	152 19	
		$4,959 05
Rate per cent. of taxation on $1,000	$13 50	

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law . .	$935 00	
Additional amount raised by tax .	300 00	
Literary fund . . .	115 08	
Balance of dog license, 1895 . .	104 52	
		$1,454 60

The selectmen and overseers of the poor have given orders on the town treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

ROAD AGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Geo. S. West for labor and lumber for highways and bridges .	$1,946 06	
		$1,946 06

BREAKING ROADS.

1896.

April 18 paid Wallace L. Kimball .	$3 38	
April 18 paid Frank Dolber . .	3 72	
April 18 paid L. B. Richardson .	3 64	
May 1 paid Geo. L. Fitz . .	11 59	
Dec. 19 paid Edwin Jones . .	1 87	

1897.				
Feb.	9	paid Dale Bros.	50	
Feb.	15	paid Geo. S. West	26 53	
Feb.	15	paid J. E. McCannon	5 38	
Feb.	15	paid John M. Parker	3 00	
				$59 61

SCHOOL MONEY.

1896.				
June	5	paid James G. Robertson, treasurer of school district	500 00	
Nov.	10	paid James G. Robertson	550 00	
1897.				
Jan.	12	paid James G. Robertson	404 60	
				$1,454 60

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1896.				
Sept.	3	paid James G. Robertson, treasurer of school district	50 00	
				$50 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1896.				
May	6	paid school board	$47 47	
June	5	paid school board	22 58	
Oct.	23	paid school board	23 14	
1897.				
Jan.	12	paid school board	16 88	
Feb.	9	paid school board	10 33	
Feb.	15	paid school board	3 23	
				$123 63

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1896.			
May 4	paid Edward T. Morse for town officer	$2 50	
May 14	paid Edson C. Eastman for tax collector's book	93	
July 27	paid Edson C. Eastman for two order and receipt books	3 35	
Nov. 10	paid Edson C. Eastman for 12 presidential town warrants	62	
Nov. 10	paid R. Bower & Son for 18 card notices to bicycle riders	1 10	
1897.			
Feb. 13	paid Arthur H. Wilcomb for tax bills	1 30	
Feb. 15	paid Charles Bartlett for 500 town reports, 50 blank notices, one record book, and printing check-lists done in 1896	44 85	
			$54 65

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

1896.			
Mar. 11	paid James G. Robertson, trustee of public library for purchase of Samuel Marston building	$187 50	
May 19	paid Luther W. Hall for labor	202 75	
Oct. 23	paid James G. Robertson for furnishings	11 45	
July 6	paid James G. Robertson for furnishings	20 20	

1897.
Feb. 9 paid James G. Robertson for library repairs . . 6 74 $428 64

BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1896.
May 6 paid James G. Robertson . $50 00
July 6 paid James G. Robertson . 50 00 $100 00

CEMETERY FENCE.

1896.
May 20 paid B. A. Haselton for 8 stone posts . . . $25 50
May 25 paid G. D. Rand for drawing stone posts . . 6 00
June 3 paid A. F. B. Edwards for lumber 8 80
June 10 paid Mark Sanborn for labor . 13 25
July 1 paid C. A. Nichols for paint and labor . . . 12 43
Dec. 19 paid E. T. Morse for stock and labor . . . 5 00 $70 98

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1896.
Aug. 3 paid Alonzo A. West for the following
1895;
Dec. 25 Joseph Webster . . $2 00
Jan. 3 Elmer Hall . . 2 00
Jan. 9 Miss Elizabeth Carney . 2 00
1896.
Mar. 13 Mrs. Mary J. Freeman . 2 00
Mar. 18 Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford . 2 00

Mar.	29	Barbara Ellen Carney	2 00	
Mar.	31	Mrs. Lydia A. Steele	2 00	
April	15	Mrs. Sarah M. Heald	2 00	
May	10	Willie P. Underhill	2 00	
May	17	Mrs. Mary J. Brown	2 00	
June	7	Joseph Smith	2 00	
1897.				
Feb.	9	paid Alonzo A. West for the following:		
1896.				
June	27	William S. Parker	2 00	
Aug.	24	William D. Smith	2 00	
Sept.	9	Henry Moore	2 00	
Nov.	4	Henry Matthewson	2 00	
Nov.	8	Emerson H. Childs	2 00	
Dec.	13	William Crawford	2 00	
1897.				
Feb.	4	Mrs. Sarah A. Kelley	2 00	
				$36 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1896.				
Aug.	13	paid Arthur H. Wilcomb for discount on taxes paid on or before Aug 1st	$72 53	
				$72 53

COLLECTING TAXES.

1897.				
Feb.	13	paid Arthur H. Wilcomb for collecting taxes on list of 1895	$15 30	
Feb.	13	paid Arthur H. Wilcomb for collecting taxes on list of 1896	45 92	
				$61 22

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1897.			
Feb. 3	paid C. W. F. Spiller paid in Pittsfield, 1896	$1 35	
Feb. 20	paid A. H. Wilcomb on list of 1895 :		
	James Knight, left town	1 25	
	Fred N. Spofford, left town	1 25	
	F. C. Brown, Jr., left town	1 25	
	Ernest Raymond, unable	1 25	
	John D. Fisk, left town	1 25	
			$7 60

RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

1897.			
Feb. 15	paid Arthur L. Emerson, M. D.		
	for 14 deaths	$3 50	
	for 8 births	2 00	
Feb. 20	paid Cyrus F. Marston, 2 deaths	50	
Feb. 20	paid Cyrus F. Marston, 2 births	50	
Feb. 20	paid W. R. Sanders, M. D., 2 deaths, 1895	50	
			$7 00

PUBLIC WATERING TROUGHS.

1896.			
July 31	paid G. D. Rand for new watering trough in district No. 3	$25 00	
1897.			
Feb. 9	paid Ebenezer Marden, furnishing watering place in 1896	3 00	
Feb. 15	paid G. D. Rand for labor on stone watering trough	1 05	
			$29 05

BOUNTY ON HAWKS.

1897.			
Feb.	15 paid E. T. Morse for 22 hawks	$5 50	
Feb.	15 paid G. D. Rand for 8 hawks	2 00	
Feb.	15 paid W. L. Kimball, 6 hawks	1 50	
			$9 00

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

1897.			
Feb.	13 paid Geo. W. Currier for damage done to sheep by dogs, 1896	$20 00	
Feb	15 paid Dwight M. Mitchell for sheep killed by dogs in 1896	2 50	
			$22 50

CARE OF CEMETERY.

1896.			
Dec.	19 paid Robert H. Hazelton	$8 00	
			$8 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

1896.			
May	26 paid Edward J. Robie	$50 00	
			$50 00

REPAIRS ON ROAD MACHINE.

1896.			
May	4 paid George Tyler & Co., Boston, Mass.	$8 50	
Sept.	8 paid George Tyler & Co.	5 00	
Dec.	19 paid E. T. Morse	3 25	
			$16 75

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1896.

May	25	paid Nelson Gillingham, land for gravel pit	$25 00
June	3	paid A. F. B. Edwards for lumber	10 75
Aug.	13	paid A. H. Wilcomb for insuring town hall	10 00
Sept.	21	paid Arthur Underhill, police services July 4th	2 00
Sept.	21	paid Arthur Underhill for fighting forest fire May 18 and 19	2 00
Sept.	21	paid Arthur Underhill for services and expenses as dog killer	3 75
Nov.	10	paid E. P. Jones for police services July 4	2 00
Nov.	10	paid W. R. C., election officers expenses Nov. 3	2 10
Dec.	2	paid Arthur Underhill for police services Sept. 22	2 00
Dec.	2	paid Arthur Underhill for police services Nov. 3	2 00
Dec.	19	paid E. P. Jones for police services Sept. 22 and Nov. 3	4 00
Dec.	28	paid Charles P. Robinson for police services Sept. 22	2 00

1897.

Feb.	9	paid Dale Bros. for 6 guide posts	4 71
Feb.	9	paid C. H. Edwards for fighting forest fire May 18 and 19, '96	2 50
Feb.	9	paid James W. Towle for police services on Sept. 22, 1896	2 00

Feb. 15	paid David Cross for counsel in 1896 . . .	1 00	
			$77 81

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1897.			
Feb. 15	paid James G. Robertson .	$39 25	
Feb. 15	paid Sarah P. Webster .	34 50	
1896.			
Dec. 26	paid Eleanor J. Locke .	27 00	
			$100 75

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

1897.			
Feb. 9	paid Cyrus F. Marston .	$20 00	
			$20 00

TOWN TREASURER'S SERVICES.

Feb. 15	paid George S. West .	$25 00	
			$25 00

TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, SERVICES.

Feb. 15	paid James Robertson .	$7 00	
			$7 00

ROAD AGENT'S SERVICES.

Feb. 9	paid Geo. S. West . .	$116 38	
			$116 38

SUPERVISORS' SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 9	paid Alonzo A. West .	$8 00	
Jan. 13	paid George L. Converse .	8 00	
Feb. 9	paid A. F. B. Edwards .	8 00	
			$24 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb.	20 paid Geo. D. Rand . .	$59 64	
Feb.	20 paid Wallace L. Kimball .	30 80	
Feb.	20 paid Edward T. Morse . .	23 25	
			$113 69

OVERSEER OF THE POOR, SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb.	20 paid Edward T. Morse .	$24 25	
			$24 25

AUDITORS' SERVICES.

Feb.	20 paid Cyrus F. Marston .	$2 00	
Feb.	20 paid Addison A. Bean .	2 00	
Feb.	20 paid Martin Mills . .	2 00	
			$6 00

SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' EXPENSES.

Feb.	20 paid Addison A. Bean .	$5 00	
			$5 00

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE D. RAND,
WALLACE L. KIMBALL,
EDWARD T. MORSE,
} *Selectmen of Chester.*

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the town of Chester for the year 1896 not paid on or before the first day of April next will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

ARTHUR H. WILCOMB, *Collector.*

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 22, 1897.

REPORT OF EDWARD T. MORSE, OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

SARAH M. HEALD.

Paid Eunice Parker for board from Jan. 29, 1896 to March 14, 1896 .	$20 00	
Sarah J. Hill for board . .	6 00	
		$26 00

MRS. JOHN WEST.

Paid Mrs. Albert Knippee for 4 weeks' board . . .	$12 00	
Mrs. Orrin West of Raymond for care and attendance during sickness at Raymond . .	46 00	
G. H. Guptill, M. D., for professional services . . .	30 00	
		$88 00

HIRAM S. DROWNS.

Paid Mrs. J. L. Drowns for board from Sept. 10, 1896 to Feb. 15, 1897	$67 50	
George D. Rand for board and fare to Derry and making deed and recording the same . .	11 29	
		$78 79

LUTHER W. MORSE.

Paid Mrs. Fannie West for board from Aug. 25, 1896 to Feb. 2, 1897	$46 00	
Arthur L. Emerson, M. D., for professional services . .	1 00	
		$47 00

HENRY MATHEWSON.

Paid Charles L. Drowns for care from Oct. 24 to Nov. 6, 1896 .	$16 00	
Edward T. Morse for goods furnished	1 95	
Arthur L. Emerson for professional services . . .	8 50	
		$26 45

AID FURNISHED DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

NATHAN NORTON.

Paid Albert F. B. Edwards for care of Nathan Norton from April 2, 1896 to Feb. 15, 1897 .	$135 57	

GEORGE F. SMALL.

Paid George D. Rand for 4 cords wood .	14 00	
		149 57

TRANSIENT.

Paid E. P. Jones for lodging 20 transients	$20 00	
G. D. Rand " 3 " .	3 00	
W. L. Kimball " 1 " .	1 00	
G. L. Converse " 4 " .	4 00	
W. H. Thayer " 3 " .	3 00	
Albert Knippee " 1 " .	1 00	
Charles Stevens " 1 " .	1 00	
E. P. Jones taking Fred Griffin to County Farm . .	2 87	
		$35 87

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Arthur L. Emerson, professional services to Elizabeth Fisk's child .	75	
		75
Total amount for support of poor in town		$452 43

COUNTY PAUPERS.

LOIS S. CURRIER AND CHILDREN.

Paid C. K. Emery for board of Lois S. Currier and children from Feb. 13, 1896 to Feb. 16, 1897 .	$132 50	
		$132 50

KERNELUMN J. WINSLOW.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son for goods furnished . . .	$19 23	
Arthur L. Emerson, M. D., for professional services . .	1 25	
		$20 48

GEORGE THOMPSON.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son for goods furnished . . .	$ 77	
Webster Bros. for goods furnished .	2 00	
		2 77
		$155 75
Collected of Rockingham County and paid town treasurer . . .		$155 75

EDWARD T. MORSE,
Overseer of the Poor.

CHESTER, N. H , Feb. 20, 1897.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen and overseer of the poor for the year ending February 15, 1897, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
ADDISON A. BEAN, } *Auditors.*
MARTIN MILLS,

STATEMENT OF GEO. S. WEST, ROAD AGENT,

For work done in April, 1896.

Paid S. S. Warren, in Dist. No. 9	$31	22	
S. G. Healey, in Dist. No. 5	44	36	
W. S. Parker, in Dist. No. 2	34	68	
C. O. Morse, in Dist. Nos. 8 and 17	7	50	
E. P. Jones, in Dist. No. 3	16	38	
G. S. West, man and team	4	75	
A. J. Lane, in Dist. No. 12	10	12	
			$149 01

Work done in May by sub-agents.

Paid A. T. Underhill, in Dist. No. 1	40	76	
W. S. Parker, in Dist. No. 2	8	70	
E. P. Jones, in Dist. No. 3	63	88	
A. J. Lane, in Dist. No. 12	33	98	
L. B. Richardson, in Dist. No. 6	25	50	
C. H. Smith, in Dist. No. 16	29	45	
C. H. Edwards, in Dist. No. 14	24	75	
S. G. Healey, in Dist. No. 5	12	75	
C. O. Morse, in Dist. Nos. 8 and 17	14	50	
A. H. West, for team on machine	11	20	
D. Mitchell, for team on machine	4	00	
H. H. Bickford, for team on machine	2	00	
Dale Bros. for team on machine	8	00	
G. S. West, man and team	13	58	
			$293 05

Work done in June by sub-agents.

Paid L. B. Richardson, in Dist. No. 6	19	13	
E. P. Jones, in Dist. No. 3	110	22	

C. O. Morse, in Dist. Nos. 8 and 17	28 38	
S. G. Healey, in Dist. No. 5	10 87	
A. T. Underhill, in Dist. No. 1	53 76	
A. J. Lane, in Dist. No. 12	13 86	
James Owen, in Dist. No. 13	31 52	
I. J. Lovering, in Dist. No. 11	54 00	
Edward West, in Dist. No. 10	32 88	
W. L. Kimball, for plank	13 59	
G. S. West, man and team	32 76	
		$400 97

Work done in district No. 2 in June by road agent, filling and widening.

Paid G. Morse, 17 days	21 25	
F. Smith, 15 days, 2 hours	19 00	
J. G. Hall, 17 days	21 25	
J. Hooper, 17 days	21 25	
R. Fanning, 18 days	22 50	
C. Fitz, 9 days	11 25	
F. Kendall, 17 days	21 25	
A. Leighton, 12 days	15 00	
B. Healey, 7 days	8 75	
W. Healey, 7 days,	8 75	
George Mackintosh, 9 days	11 25	
C. H. Webster, 4 days	5 00	
T. Curtis, 6 days	7 50	
W. Stowe, 5 days	6 25	
W. Parker	7 25	
Geo. Fitz, with team 15 days, 8 1-2 hours	63 40	
C. P. Robinson, with team 14 days, 8 hours	59 20	

H. H. Bickford, with team, 13 days, 5 hours	54 00	
J. Buchanan, with team, 10 days	25 00	
W. Martin, with team, 5 days	20 00	
E. Robinson, 6 days	6 00	
H. W. Burgett for filling	100 00	
G. L. Fitz for use of plow	2 35	
G. S. West for use of plow	1 50	
		$538 95

Work done in district No. 2 in August, by road agent.

Paid E. Jones, 7 days, 5 hours	9 38	
E. E. Gifford, 6 days, 5 hours	7 50	
E. P. Jones, 6 days,	8 13	
C. Cook, 4 days, 1 hour	5 13	
J. Fisk, 7 days, 3 hours	9 13	
George Morse, 7 days	8 75	
C. H. Webster, 5 days, 5 hours	6 88	
James Gerah, 6 days, 3 hours	7 88	
C. P. Robinson, with team, 5 days, 7 1-3 hours	17 23	
Geo. Mackintosh, 4 days, 5 hours	5 63	
F. A. Morse, 5 days, 5 hours	6 88	
H. H. Bickford, with team, 2 days	8 00	
A. A. Bean, with team, 2 days	8 00	
A. A. Bean, one man, 2 days	2 50	
Geo. S. West, team and man 8 days	32 00	
T. Curtis, 2 days, 5 hours	3 13	
A. Seavey for 2 covering stones	1 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son for 18 lbs. spikes	72	
		$147 87

Work done in August by sub-agents.

Paid A. T. Underhill, in Dist. No. 1	3 00	
C. H. Steele, in Dist. No. 4	7 39	
Paid S. S. Warren, in Dist. No. 9	18 19	
L. B. Richardson, in Dist. No. 6	23 15	
A. H. West, for team on machine	8 00	
		$59 73

Work done in September by sub-agents.

Paid A. T. Underhill, in Dist. No. 1	10 16	
A. T. Underhill, in Dist. No. 1 for 154 loads gravel bought of G. D. Rand, at .95	7 70	

For work done in Dist. No. 2.

Paid E. Jones, 5 days	6 25	
E. E. Gifford, 6 days, 4 hours	8 00	
Geo. Morse, 10 days	12 50	
James Gerah, 10 days	12 50	
Geo. Mackintosh, 4 days	5 00	
F. A. Morse, 10 days	12 50	
C. Cook, 9 days	11 25	
J. Fisk, 5 days	6 25	
T. Curtis, 4 days, 8 hours	6 00	
H. H. Bickford, with team, 2 days, 5 hours	10 00	
C. P. Robinson, with team, 1 day, 5 hours	6 00	
E. P. Jones, 4 days	5 00	
J. G. Hall, 4 days	5 00	
Arthur McDuffee, 4 days	5 00	
F. Kendall, 3 days	3 75	
H. Brown, 1 day	1 25	
W. L. Kimball, for 300 feet plank	19 50	

G. S. West, team and man 6 days	24 00	
E. Stockwell, for 12 hours	1 50	
		$179 11

Work done in October by sub-agents.

Paid James Owen, in Dist. No. 15	30 39	
Martin L. Colby, in Dist. No. 13	22 82	
J. G. Hall, in Dist. No. 2	7 73	
Ruben Fanning, in Dist. No. 2	4 00	
E. Stockwell,	1 25	
G. S. West, with team and man, 2 days	8 00	
		$74 19

For railing bridge near Mark Sanborn's.

Paid Dale Bros. for 2131 feet chestnut lumber	31 51	
Mark Sanborn, for labor	5 50	
Robert Hazelton, for labor	4 65	
F. A. Morse	2 50	
E. T. Morse	1 00	
Webster Bros., 21 lbs. spikes	84	
		$46 00

Work done in November, by sub-agents.

Paid C. H. Edwards, in Dist. No. 14	13 23	
A. J. Lane, in Dist. No. 12	2 37	
C. H. Green for 31 poles	12 00	
C. H. Green for 44 posts	4 40	
Dale Bros. for drawing shavings in spring	4 50	
Geo. S. West, man and team	3 00	
Geo. S. West for 150 feet of plank	2 25	
C. H. Webster work in Dist. 7	2 61	
Amos Hooper, work in Dist. 7	1 25	
C. H. Smith for 422 feet of plank	5 74	
		$51 35

Work done in January, 1897.

Paid J. G. Hall in Dist. No. 2	.	1 38	
C. P. Robinson in Dist. No. 2	.	1 20	
C. O. Morse in Dist. No. 8 and 17	.	3 25	
			$5 83
			$1,946 06

DR. THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

1896–97.

To disconnt on taxes paid on or before August 1	$72 53
To cash paid for printing and stationery	54 65
To cash paid for improvements on roads and bridges	1,946 06
To cash for breaking roads	59 61
To cash paid school district treasurer for schools	1,454 60
To cash paid for school supplies	123 63
To cash paid for abatement of taxes	7 60
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses	50 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes	61 22
To cash paid for public watering troughs	29 05
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse	36 00
To cash paid for county tax	985 86
To cash paid for state tax	935 00
To cash paid for care of cemetery	8 00
To cash paid for returns of births, marriages and deaths	7 00
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills	77 81
To cash paid for treasurer's salary	25 00
To cash paid for school board's services and expenses	100 75
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses	20 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses	113 69
To cash paid for overseer of poor, services and expenses	24 25
To cash paid for auditors' services	6 00
To cash paid for selectmen's and auditors' expenses	5 00
To cash paid for support of poor	467 09
To cash paid to aid dependent soldiers	149 57
To cash paid for public library	100 00
To cash paid for bounty on hawks	9 00
To cash paid Martin Mills, two notes and interest	537 86
To cash paid for damage done by dogs	22 50
To cash paid for school board treasurer's services	7 00
To cash paid for school house repairs	50 00
To cash paid for public library building	428 64
To cash paid for cemetery fence	70 98
To cash paid for repairs on road machine	16 75
To cash paid for highways agents' services and expenses	116 38
To cash paid for supervisors' services	24 00
Cash in treasury to balance	3 00
	$8,202 08

GEORGE S. WEST, TOWN TREASURER. CR.

1896–97.		
	By cash in the treasury February 22, 1896.....	$394 64
March,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1895.....	500 00
April,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1895.....	200 00
May,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1895.....	200 00
	By cash of selectmen, for Mrs. Heald's goods.....	21 30
	By cash of selectmen, for hearse and runners.....	17 50
June,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1895.....	99 91
June,	By cash of A H Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896	350 00
June 20,	By cash hired of John T. Ramsey.....	500 00
July,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	975 00
August,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	1,024 19
Sept.,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	225 00
October.	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	300 00
Oct. 2,	By cash hired of Augustus P. Morse.....	500 00
Nov.,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	100 00
Dec.,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	300 00
1897.		
January,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	200 00
January,	By cash of state treasurer, railroad tax.....	48 28
January,	By cash of state treasurer, savings bank tax.....	999 06
January,	By cash of state treasurer, literary fund.....	107 80
January,	By cash of state treasurer, bounty on hawks.....	9 00
January,	By cash of town clerk, for dog licenses.....	114 02
February,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	300 00
February,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, interest on taxes, 1895.	20 09
	By cash of Mrs. Heald's estate.....	67
Feb. 16,	By cash hired of Webster Bros.	400 00
Feb. 20,	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, on tax list of 1896.....	53 57
Feb.,	By cash of county for support of poor.....	155 30
Feb.,	By cash of F. C. Brown, for use of town hall.....	21 50
Feb.,	By cash hired of Geo. D. Rand.....	69 25
		$8206 08

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Balance due on tax list of 1896	$1,131 29	
Note against Hiram L. and Wallace H. Drown	450 00	
		$1,581 29
Balance in the hands of treasurer		3 00
		$1,584 29

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN FEBRUARY 20, 1897.

Note due John T. Ramsey with interest at 6 per cent.	$520 00	
Note due Augustus P. Morse, with interest at 5 per cent.	509 60	
Note due Webster Bros. with interest at 4 per cent.	400 18	
Note due Geo. D. Rand	69 25	
		$1,499 03
Balance in favor of town		$85 26

GEORGE S. WEST, *Treasurer.*

CHESTER, N. H. Feb. 20, 1897.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George S. West town treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
ADDISON A. BEAN, } *Auditors.*
MARTIN MILLS,

REPORT OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The number of catalogued books in the library is 1219, exclusive of 50 paper covered books, for which there is an occasional call. During the year 1896 the total number of books taken out was 4800. The largest number withdrawn in one day was 92; the smallest number 18; average number 47. The number of families using the library in 1896 was 165. About 80 per cent. of the books read were books of fiction.

The librarian makes the following financial statement:

Money received in fines during 1896	$5 30	
Balance from 1895	1 43	
		$6 73
Expended for books and needed supplies	$2 28	
Cash on hand to balance	4 45	
		$6 73

The following persons have presented books to the library: John W. Noyes, Geo. Converse, E. J. Robie, Frank Weymouth, A. F. B. Edwards, George F. Willey of Manchester, D. H. King, Miss E. J. Locke, Miss Lucy Learnard, Miss Elizabeth S. Campbell, and Mrs. Skillings. Thanks are due to Mr. Couch for the gift of a quantity of wood, and to Leon Richardson for drawing the same to the library without charge to the town.

A number of our citizens have said that the librarian ought to have a stated salary, and a larger one than she has hitherto received. With this sentiment the trustees heartily concur. The librarian has not only cared faithfully for the books of the library, but has had the entire care of the room. We hope that some ac-

tion will be taken at town meeting in the way of appropriating a definite sum to cover the librarian's salary, and the running expenses of the library, so that the appropriation for the purchase of books may be used entirely for the purpose for which it is intended. By the way the library is patronized it is evident that it is believed to be a good investment, and we are confident that it will be generously supported.

A new catalogue has been prepared, and will soon be ready for distribution. Part of the expense for the same has been met by advertisements, and it is thought that a nominal charge of ten cents per copy will make up the balance needed to pay the printer.

An entertainment given by the school children brought the sum of $44.56 into the treasury, and this has made it possible to meet all extra charges caused by the rebinding of a large number of old books and periodicals which are of great value, and for which there is a constant call.

The Ladies' Library Association very generously presented their collection of 900 volumes to the free library, and now we have on hand a fund of reading material that no country town need be ashamed of. The library is housed in a comfortable and neat building, which not only is convenient so far as location is concerned, but which will answer the purpose of a library building for years to come. In March 1896 the town appropriated $475.00 to purchase and repair the building known as the "Dearborn Shop" for the purposes of the library. The amount required for this object was $428.64, the balance of the appropriation, $46.36 being uncalled for. The library books have been insured for $300, and the building for $350.

JAMES G. ROBERTSON,
ADDISON A. BEAN,
ALBERT F. B. EDWARDS,
Trustees of Free Public Library.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Balance on hand March, 1896	$2 40	
Received from literary entertainment, Feb. 1896	16 43	
Received from town of Chester, library appropriation	100 00	
Received from library entertainment, Nov. 1896	44 56	
		$163 39

EXPENDITURES.

Paid A. H. Wilcomb, periodicals	$13 60	
A. H. Wilcomb, insurance	9 19	
Courier Publishing Co., supplies	10 75	
F. J. Barnard & Co., re-binding books	50 53	
for fuel	3 97	
Miss I. H. Fitz, librarian's salary	15 00	
Miss I. H. Fitz, cataloging books	5 00	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., new books	43 42	
Express charges	75	
		$152 21
Cash in treasurer's hands to balance		11 18
		$163 39

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPAIRS.

Received from town of Chester		$428 64
Paid S. L. Marston, house and lot	$187 50	
L. W. Hall, repairs and materials	202 75	
D. A. Simons, table	12 00	

C. A. Hoitt & Co., chairs and door-mat	9 25	
S. Johnson, stove	9 65	
Webster Bros., sundries	2 86	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, sundries	3 88	
Express and standard for stove funnel	75	
		$428 64

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. G. ROBERTSON, *Treasurer.*

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 20, 1897.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the trustees and treasurer of the Free Public Library, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, }
MARTIN MILLS, } *Auditors.*

SCHOOL BOARD.

The schools have all been under the instruction of earnest, faithful teachers; most of whom have had excellent reasons for considering their work very successful.

It has been very interesting to visit different schools and notice the variety in manners and ways of working which has been exhibited by the ten different teachers employed in town the past year; each one animated by peculiar views and inspiring the children with more or less of her own character.

While teachers have been carrying out original ideas, or teaching in accustomed ways, they have all seemed alert to consider new ones, if not in all cases thinking best to adopt them.

Miss Hazelton's school led in punctuality of attendance the last term, and the number of parents present examination day.

Dunglison's Physiology has been introduced, and in most of the schools, the Vertical System ot Writing has also been adopted, not because it is new, but because it appears to be plainer for a child to learn, and easier to read than the old way was, besides taking less room on paper. A reason of still more importance is that the child must take a good upright position while practicing, instead of leaning over the desk, almost lying down on his book, as some were inclined to do, practicing the old copies.

It has been well said that the price of a good school is thought, effort and money. One cannot expect to hit any mark without taking good aim. Teachers cannot do their best class work without preparation for it, and preparation involves a good deal of thought and looking up of various things in the course of a term.

They also need especially to feel fresh for the starting of school work, not only at the beginning of the term, but every morning from the first day to the last.

The same rule holds good for children. To see that children are able to do well each and every day is the parent's part in the work of helping to make a good school. If any of them think their children can be irregular in attendance or careless in deportment, and yet keep pace with their classmates of about the same natural ability, let them visit the schools and see for themselves.

It does make a difference who is behind a child at home. In several instances teachers have spoken of the help they had from parents.

How it braces up a teacher for her morning's work to see every child on hand a little before nine o'clock.

If a stormy day comes and a man sees fit to harness his horse and take his children to school, or pay a five cent fare on the electric road, could the time or money be better invested?

Is it not a general rule that a man with an education is happier than he could be without it? Is he not less liable to seek enjoyment in vicious indulgences? If these things are true, and parents want their children to be good, useful men and women, is not the school room the place, aside from home, where most of the training must be done?

If it is, does it not pay to make an effort to have all there promptly every day in the term?

Has any one ever thought how large a proportion of the boys in our schools bid fair to grow into "men to make a state?" Will they all reach that high standard, or are there some of the opposite character? If there are, where does individual responsibility come in to help make the most and best of the material we have in our hands?

Every person in town has some influence which is all the time helping society up or down, and everything we do to encourage the formation of correct habits in boys and girls is so much done for the good of this and all succeeding generations.

JAS. G. ROBERTSON, } *School Board*
SARAH P. WEBSTER, } *of Chester.*

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

NO. 1. FIRST DIVISION.

Harris M. West,†	Cora E. Hill.

NO. 1. SECOND DIVISION.

Lydia F. Woodard,	Marie E. Thayer,†
Grace M. Gile,*	Bertie F. Gile,*
Helen G. Healey,†	Alta E. Edwards,
Rachel A. Mackintosh,*	George C. McDuffee,
Marion C. Webster,†	Sherburne E. Hazelton,*
Lena L. Webster,*	Lillie S. Mackintosh,†
Ruth N. Webster,*	Elsie M. Shackford,†
Laura R. Lane,*	Densmore Neily.

SCHOOL NO 2.

Ethel M. Green,
Holly A. Purinton,*
George Johnson,
Roy W. Purinton,*
Howard B. Fitz.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Walter Brown,
Harry Edwards,†
Sumner Edwards,†
Elsie Hardy,
Lulu Rand,
Mary J. Whittemore,
George Rand,
Howard Edwards,*
Helen M. Edwards,†
Ina M. Hardy,
Joseph Edwards.

SCHOOLS NOS. 5 AND 10.

Perley Hazelton,†
Minnie Hazelton,†
James Hall,
Ruth Owen,
Benjamin Lake,*
Roy Weeks,*
Lilinner Hall,
Alvah Cammet,
George Hazelton
Alice Maxwell,
Elmer Allen.
Bertie Cammett.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

Hazel I. Stowe.

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Charles O. Bursiel,†
Frankie Warren,†
Edward Winslow,
J. Stuart Green.
Emma J. Dorr.

† Indicates perfect attendance two terms.
* Indicates perfect attendance three terms.

EXPENDITURES.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

1896.			
June 26,	Cora B Follansbee	$66 00	
" 26,	Anna W. McKean	66 00	
" 26,	Helen N. Galloupe	82 50	
" 26,	Mary Annette Morse	66 00	
" 26,	Nellie B. Sleeper	66 00	
" 26,	Sara J. Holland	77 00	
" 26,	Carrie B. Hazelton	77 00	
Nov. 12,	Leila A. Seller,	82 50	
" 12,	Anna W. McKean	66 00	
" 14,	Mary Edna Buswell	66 00	
" 14,	Nellie B. Sleeper	66 00	
" 20,	Carrie B. Hazelton	84 00	
" 20,	Lizzie S. Hooke	84 00	
" 20,	Mary Annette Morse	72 00	
1897.			
Jan. 14,	Mary Annette Morse	42 00	
" 15,	Carrie B. Hazelton	49 00	
" 15,	Lizzie S. Hooke	49 00	
" 21,	Mary Edna Buswell	48 00	
" 21,	Nellie B. Sleeper	48 00	
" 21,	Anna W. McKean	48 00	
Feb. 5,	Helen N. Galloupe	72 00	
			$1,377 00

PAID FOR CONVEYING PUPILS.

W. J. Carney	$22 00	
W. W. Lane	20 40	
Mrs. K. F. Hopkins	9 50	
L. B. Lane	22 00	
		$73 90

FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid A. E. Leighton	$1 90	
C. N. Fitz	40	
C. E. Roberts	1 50	
W. W. Lane	2 50	
Charles Drowne	25	
G. W. Weeks	4 40	
G. W. Southwick	3 50	
S. L. Marston	4 00	
Garland Smith	6 12	
Frank Weymouth	1 25	
E. E. Gifford	2 28	
W. P. W. Whittemore	12 87	
Edward West	5 25	
A. P. Morse	6 30	
C. H. Green	25 00	
Matt. Wakefield	75	
A. F. B. Edwards	1 00	
		$79 27

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Mrs. M. F. West	$12 75	
Mrs. A. M. Wakefield	2 00	
Miss Georgie Abbott	50	
Mrs. D. F. Gile	75	
F. T. Morse	5 25	
		$21 25

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Mrs. L. S. Hooke	$ 60	
C. B. Hazelton	2 00	
E. A. Towle	2 00	
M. C. Wakefield	2 00	
A. B. Neily	4 00	
		$10 60

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid John H. Clay	$8 30	
W. W. Lane	50	
I. F. Underhill	2 00	
F. L. Bray	18 63	
C. A. Nichols	41 00	
Mark Sanborn	2 00	
W. P. Nichols	3 91	
L. S. Hooke	1 40	
N. B. Couch	3 15	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son	1 98	
		$82 87

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid E. E. Babb & Co.	$25 73
Werner Co.	11 25
N. J. Bartlett	12 80
D. C. Heath & Co.	2 46
C. R. Mayer	4 00
Ginn & Co.	12 55
The Masten Wells Co.	1 50
Silver, Burdett & Co.	9 33
American Book Co.	7 88
Samuel Ward Co.	1 96
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.	2 00

University Publishing Co.	10 40	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	90	
Boston School Supply Co.	75	
R. J. Kimball	3 75	
Chas A. Hoitt	1 00	
Charles Bartlett	35	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son	10 55	
Webster Bros	1 00	
Express	4 74	
		$124 90

CREDIT.

Received of town of Chester	$123 63	
Received for books sold	1 27	
		$124 90

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 20, 1897.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the school board for the past year, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance from last year	$83 49	
Cash from town treasurer	1,454 60	
Cash from school district of Raymond, tuition	15 00	
Cash from school district of Derry, tuition	9 00	
		$1,562 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers' salaries	1,377 00	
For conveyance of pupils	73 90	
For fuel	79 27	
For services of truant officer	5 25	
For miscellaneous bills	16 00	
For janitor service	10 60	
		$1,562 02
Cash in hands of treasurer to balance		07
		$1,562 09

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid for repairs	82 87	
Cash in hands of treasurer to balance	12 36	
		$95 23

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	45 23	
Cash received from town treasurer	50 00	
		$95 23

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. ROBERTSON, *District Treasurer.*

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 20, 1897

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of James G. Robertson, treasurer of the school district of the town of Chester, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, ROCKINGHAM SS.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester School District qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said town on Saturday, the thirteenth day of March, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a clerk.

3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a treasurer.

5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools in addition to that required by law.

7. To see what the district will do in regard to repairing, furnishing and improving school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

8. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1897.

JAMES G. ROBERTSON, } *School Board*
SARAH P. WEBSTER, } *of Chester.*

A true copy. Attest—

JAMES G. ROBERTSON, } *School Board*
SARAH P. WEBSTER, } *of Chester.*

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School	Terms	Names of Teachers	No of Weeks	Whole No. of Pupils	No. of Pupils in													
					Reading	Spelling	Penmanship	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition	Drawing	Vocal Music	Physiology	Bookkeeping	Algebra	
Number 1. 1st Div.	Spring..	Miss Helen N. Galloupe..	11	27	27	27	27	27	24	27							6	
	Fall....	Miss Leila A. Seller.....	11	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	19	14		22	22		6	
	Winter.	Miss Helen N. Galloupe..	10	20	20	20	20	20	18	20	20	20		20	8		7	
Number 1. 2nd Div.	Spring--	Miss Carrie B. Hazelton,.	11	29	29	29	26	25	9	5	10							
	Fall....		12	30	30	30	30	26	18	5				30				
	Winter.		7	21	21	21	21	21	15	4		4		21				
Number 2.	Spring..	Miss Nellie B. Sleeper....	11	16	16	16	16	16	8	6	1	8	10					
	Fall ...		11	18	18	18	18	17	9	8	1		9					
	Winter.		8	15	15	15	15	14	7	6	1		9					
Number 3.	Spring..	Miss Sara J. Holland....	11	31	31	31	31	31	19	18	19				20		3	
	Fall ...	Mrs. Lizzie S. Hooke....	12	29	29	29	27	27	27	5	16				14	4		
	Winter.		7	28	28	28	26	26	26	5	14				13	4		
Numbers 5 and 19.	Spring..	Miss Anna W. McKean..	11	19	19	19	19	16	13	12				17	3			
	Fall....		11	17	17	17	17	16	12	11				17	9			
	Winter.		8	14	14	14	14	13	10	8				14	11			
Number 6.	Spring..	Miss Cora B. Follansbee..	11	13	13	13	13	13	7	4	1	2			7	2		
	Fall....	Miss Mary Edna Buswell	11	18	18	16	16	16	9	8	2						1	
	Winter.		8	12	12	12	10	10	6	6	1						1	
Number 7.	Spring..	Miss Mary Annette Morse	11	15	15	15	14	12	9	9	8	9		15		1		
	Fall...		12	17	17	17	16	14	10	7	10				4			
	Winter.		7	9	9	9	9	9	6	6	6				4			

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS,

1896.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING Dec. 31, 1896.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex & Con Male or Female	Living or Stillb.	No. of Child.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 27	Chester ..	Floyd Clarke.....	M	L	6	w	Charles G. McDuffie .	Vena V. Woodbury..	Chester.....	Bangor, N. Y.....	42	37
Mar. 4	"	Allen John.....	M	L	3	w	John M. Parker.... .	Addie C. Underhill..	Candia.....	Chester	33	27
12	"	Clara Belle.....	F	L	8	w	Carvasso W. Neily...	Minnie Parker	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia.....	41	36
19	"	Bessie.....	F	L	3	w	George F. Morse.....	Martha R. Parker....	Chester.....	" "	26	25
April 1	"	Mildred Pearl.....	F	L	1	w	Edgar E. Gifford.....	Carrie R. Swett.....	Grafton, Mass.....	Derry.....	43	16
June 10	"		F	L	3	w	Willard R. Stowe	J. May Vandine	Moores, N. Y.....	Maquapit Lake,N.B	31	31
12	"		F	L	1	w	Charles H. Smith. ...	May L. French.....	Chester.....	Chester.....	30	20
Aug. 31	"		F	L	3	w	Martin Mills	Annie L. Dale..	"	Boxford, Mass.....	33	31
Oct. 23	"	Irma Olive.....	F	L	1	w	Edwin P. Jones.....	Olive B. Hazelton....	"	Chester	36	37
Nov. 5	"	Clarence Isaac.....	M	L	4	w	Austin Owen.....	Sophia A...	England	Detroit, Mich.....	41	30
8	"		M	L	1	w	Wm. S. Hazelton	Alice B. Abbott.....	Auburn.	Chester	24	20
13	"	Karl.....	M	L	1	w	George M. Newhall..	Alice F. Farnham....	Middletown, Conn..	Dunstable, Mass...	31	23
Dec. 18	"		M	L	1	w	William H. West, 2nd	Laura B. Morse.....	Chester.....	Chester	29	20

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING Dec. 31, 1896.

Date. 1896	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom Married.
Dec. 3		William Band.....	Chester	73	w	Farmer ..	Chester	William.....		Theodore C. Pratt, Clergyman, Candia.
		and						Elizabeth Forsaith.....		
		Elizabeth Rand.....	"	69	w		Rowley	James Andrews.... ...		
								Martha Chawley.....		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING. Dec. 31, 1896.

Date. 1896.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex Con Sex.	Color.	Single, etc.	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
Jan. 11	Chester	Elizabeth Carney	15			Royalton, Vt	F	w	s		William J. Carney	Nora Hawes
Mar. 8	"	Adaline M. Smith	76	4	11	St. Albans, Vt	F	w	s	Nurse		
10	"	Mary J. Freeman	85	7	4	Chester	F	w	w		William Bell	Mary McMasters
17	"	Elizabeth Crawford	26			Worcester, Mas	F	w	M		George P. Norton	Annastatia Dooley
28	"	William Roy Chase	1	2	7	Chester	M	w	s		Herbert L. Chase	Harriet L. Preston
28	"	Barbara E. Carney	1	6	19	"	F	w	s		William J. Carney	Mary Wynn
29	"	Lydia A. Steele	66			Raymond	F	w	w	Housekeeper	Stephen Abbott	Polly Towle
Apr. 13	"	Sarah M. Heald	87				F	w	w			
May 8	"	William P. Underhill,	7	2		Chester	M	w	s		Orlando H. Underhill	Nettie Greenough
14	"	Mary J. Brown	68	7	28	Merideth	F	w	M		Chas. D. Thompson	Betsy Edgerly
June 3	"	Joseph Smith	86	10	26	Chester	M	w	w	Farmer	Joseph	Annie Garland
18	"	William S. Parker	37	3	3	Candia	M	w	M	Shoemaker	Samuel S.	Mary M. Wentworth
Aug. 23	"	William D. Smith	79	7	4	Manchester, Vt.	M	w	w	Farmer	Anson	Sally Purdy
Sept. 6	"	Henry Moore	74			Raymond	M	w	M	"	John	Abigail Turner Locke
24	"	Mildred P. Gifford		5	24	Chester	F	w	s		Edgar E. Gifford	Carrie R. Swett
Oct. 15	"	James B. Kent	73	7		Derry	M	w	w		James M.	Fannie M. Brown
Nov. 3	"	Henry Mathewson	48				M	w	s			
15	"	Clarisa M. Buxton	79	10			F	w	s			
Dec. 11	"	Wiiliam Crawford	73	11	2	Chester	M	w	M	Farmer	Robert	Dolly Chase

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, *Town Clerk.*